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Massassi (Kaarta)	1663–1854
Mossi (Upper Volta)	15th century to 1896
Porto Novo (Akan)	1688–1913
Oyo	14th century to 1823
Quattara (Dyula on Mouhoun, Black Volta)	18th century to 1909
Saifuwa of Kanem-Bornu	1068–1846
Segu (Bambara, Niger valley)	
Coulibaly	1652–1757
Ton Djonm	1757–1766
Diarra	1766–1890
Serer (Senegambia)	circa 1500–1860s
Sokoto Caliphate (Fulbe, Northern Nigeria)	1804–1903
Soninke: <i>see</i> Ghana	
Sunni (Songhai, Middle Niger)	1335–1492
Soso (Soninke, Upper Niger)	circa 1200–1235
Takrur (Senegal)	circa 1–1100
Umarijan (Tall, Futaanke)	1852–1893
Wolof (Senegal)	1100–1673
Za (Songhai)	1009–1324

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Changamire Rozvi Empire	1684 to 18th century
The Kingdom of Kongo	circa 1400–1710
Luango (Angola)	circa 1580–1650
Lunda (Angola)	16th to 17th centuries
Munhumutapa (Zimbabwe)	11th to 15th centuries
Ndongo (Angola)	circa 1500–1683
Torwa (Zambezia)	1450–1700
Zulu (Natal)	1818–1887

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